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REMARKS _____

25X1 1. a. A Polish tank regiment [redacted] was stationed in
 25X1 WARSAW-PRAGA on 24 December 1949.*

25X1 b. Col MALINOWSKI, [redacted] was identified as CO of the regiment. Maj KAWIERSZAK was deputy CO and Capt NOWACKI supply officer.

c. The regiment numbered about 1,000 troops. Recruits were receiving basic training at the time of observation.

2. a. While on their way from BREST LITOVSK (S 53/M 87) to FRANKFURT/Oder about 20 December 1949, railroadmen observed the detraining of tanks in "WARSAW".

b. Twenty tanks had been detrained and three or four tanks were still on railroad cars.

c. Each tank had five large bogie wheels with sloping side plates above fender and an oval-shaped turret with a small superstructure (commander's cupola?). The gun barrels were of 70 to 80 mm caliber and projected about five feet over the front of the tank. The tanks had an estimated length of 18 feet and a height of 8 feet.

d. Troops wore tank insignia on their epaulets. **

25X1 [redacted] Comment:

25X1 * No Polish tank unit is known in WARSAW PRAGA. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] It is possible that the unit may be the 1st Tank Regt, whose location is unknown, but which is believed to be assigned to the 1st MD ("WARSAW").

** The tanks which were detrained in "WARSAW" were presumably destined for the reported tank unit. According to the given description, they were Soviet T34 tanks with 76-mm guns.

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